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SUBJECT: GUINEAN-SENEGALESE RELATIONS FORMALLY RESTORED MAY 8

1. SUMMARY: GUINEAN MINISTERIAL DELEGATION WAS
WARMLY RECEIVED BY SENEGALESE COUNTERPARTS DURING FOUR-DAY
DAKAR VISIT WHICH PRODUCED RHAPSODIC JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND
AGREEMENT TO RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS MAY 8. GUINEAN-
SENEGALESE RECONCILIATION APPEARS VERY MUCH ON COURSE. END
SUMMARY.

2. GUINEAN DELEGATION INCLUDING INTERIOR MINISTER MOUSSA
DIAKITE, FOREIGN MINISTER FILY CISSOKO, MINISTER OF HIGHER
EDUCATION SIKHE CAMARA, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
UNITS ALPHA BARRY, MINISTER OF PRE-UNIVERSITY TRAINING GALEMA
GUILAVOGUI AND PROCURER GENERAL MARCEL MARTIN VISITED DAKAR
MAY 2-6 TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS MADE AT
MONROVIA RECONCILIATION SUMMIT. GUINEANS WERE RECEIVED
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BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR, PRIME MINISTER DIOUF, AND HAD
WORKING SESSIONS WITH SENEGALESE DELEGATION CONSISTING
OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INTERIOR, JUSTICE,
HIGHER EDUCATION, NATIONAL EDUCATION, AND RURAL
DEVELOPMENT.

3. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED MAY 5 AFFIRMS THAT

"CONVERSATIONS TOOK PLACE IN A VERY CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE MARKED BY FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING." THREE ACCORDS WERE SIGNED: (1) AGREEMENT TO REESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AS OF MAY 8; (2) TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION; (3) AGREEMENT THAT BILATERAL ACCORDS PREVIOUSLY CONCLUDED REMAIN IN FORCE AND THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS WILL TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES FOR RAPID APPLICATION. COMMUNIQUE INDICATES TWO DELEGATIONS "TOOK SATISFACTION IN MEETING... WHICH TESTIFIES TO THE FIRM WILL (OF PRESIDENTS TOURE AND SENGHOR) TO DEVELOP COOPERATION BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES AND REAFFIRM THE SENEGALESE-GUINEAN FRIENDSHIP AND FRATERNITY WHICH ARE DEEPLY ROOTED IN KINDRED CULTURES, ETHNIC AFFINITIES AND THE COMMON FREEDOM STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT." FOR ITS PART, GUINEAN DELEGATION EXPRESSED "VERY KEEN APPRECIATION" FOR ITS "WARM AND FRATERNAL WELCOME" IN DAKAR. EMBASSY POUCHING COMPLETE COMMUNIQUE TO AF/W AND CONAKRY.

4. COMMENT I: SENEGALESE CONTINGENT IN TALKS REPRESENTED ONE OF MOST HIGH-POWERED DELEGATIONS WE HAVE SEEN ASSEMBLED FOR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH ANY NATION, AND THIS IS PROBABLY MOST RHAPSODIC JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN DAKAR IN RECENT MEMORY. WE NOTE THAT AFP IS ALSO REPORTING STATEMENT BY GUINEAN INTERIOR MINISTER DIAKITE THAT "EACH OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOLEMNLY PROMISED NEVER TO ENDORSE ANY OPPOSITION AGAINST THE OTHER AND ABOVE ALL THAT ITS TERRITORY WILL NOT BE USED AS A BASE FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES BY THE OTHER." SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS GAVE VISIT HEADLINE TREATMENT AND EDITORIALIZED GRANDLY THAT SENGHOR AND TOURE WOULD HENCEFORTH "WORK HAND IN HAND FOR THE GOOD OF AFRICA." PRESS INDICATES THAT PREVIOUSLY SIGNED BILATERAL ACCORDS BEING REVALIDATED INCLUDE AGREEMENTS ON COMMERCE, CULTURE, JUSTICE, ROAD TRANSPORT, AVIATION, MARITIME SECURITY, CUSTOMS, PAYMENTS, PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, DOUBLE-TAXATION AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH. FOREIGN MINISTRY PERSONNEL ARE CLEARLY PLEASED WITH VISIT AND ARE ALREADY BEGINNING TO TREAT COOPERATION WITH GUINEA AS NATURAL THING WHICH "SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED LONG AGO."

5. COMMENT II: MOVEMENT OF TRADERS BACK AND FORTH ACROSS SENEGAL-GUINEA BORDER HAS CLEARLY BECOME MORE FREE AND ACTIVE (AND LESS CLANDESTINE) IN RECENT MONTHS, AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT PRIVATE BUSES AND BUSH TAXIS CAN NOW BE BOARDED IN DAKAR FOR THROUGH TRIPS TO GUINEA. BUT MEMBERS OF GUINEAN PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY WHO HAVE

BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR YEARS IN DAKAR STILL PROFESS LACK
OF CONFIDENCE IN CONAKRY GOVERNMENT AND DOUBT THAT
SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF THEIR EXPATRIATE COLLEAGUES IN
SENEGAL HAVE YET MADE DECISION TO RETURN PERMANENTLY
TO GUINEA.

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